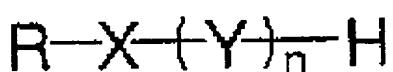


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to an ink-jet recording ink, comprising a pigment and a compound represented by the General formula (I):



General formula (I)

wherein R represents a hydrophobic group, or a group derived from a hydrophobic polymer; X represents a bivalent linking group having a hetero bond; Y may be A, C or D, and $(Y)_n$ contains 0 to 40% by mole of a structural unit represented by B; and n = 10-3500; R¹ represents H, or an alkyl group; R² represents H or an alkyl groups; R³ represents H or a methyl group; and R⁴ represents H, -CH₃, -CH₂COOH, or -CN; Z¹: H, -COOH, or -CONH₂; Z²: -COOH, -SO₃H, -OSO₃H, -CH₂SO₃H, -CONHC(CH₃)₂CH₂SO₃H, or -CONHCH₂CH₂CH₂N⁺(CH₃)₃Cl⁻.